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SUBJECT: ARRANGEMENTS FOR COORDINATING GOF AND IEA
POSITIONS

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1. SEVERAL DAYS AFTER CONVERSATION WHICH ECON/COM MIN
HAD WITH CABOUAT, DEPUTY FOR ENERGY TO BRUNET, DIRECTOR
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OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MFA (REFTEL), BRUNET CALLED ECON/

COM MIN TO SAY THAT HE WAS MEETING WITH DAVIGNON IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND WOULD LIKE TO WITHHOLD COMMENT ON THE THREE CHANNELS SUGGESTED BY US FOR COORDINATING GOF POSITION WITH IEA UNTIL AFTER THAT MEETING. BRUNET SAID HE HOPED TO PERSUADE DAVIGNON TO SUPPORT FRENCH VIEWS ON NECESSITY FOR SOME FORMAL MECHANISM IN OECD FOR THIS PURPOSE. HE SAID HIS PRESENT THINKING WAS THAT HIGH LEVEL GROUP OF OIL COMMITTEE WAS PROBABLY THE MOST APPROPRIATE MECHANISM. ECON/COM MIN REPEATED OUR OBJECTION TO THIS AND SIMILAR FORMULAS.

2. BRUNET CALLED ECON/COM MIN JANUARY 24 TO INFORM HIM THAT HE HAD MET WITH DAVIGNON ON JANUARY 22. HE SAID HE HAD FAILED TO CONVINCE DAVIGNON OF THE NEED TO USE THE HLG FOR THE COORDINATION OF GOF AND IEA POSITIONS. WHILE DAVIGNON AND HE HAD THUS NOT SEEN EYE-TO-EYE ON THIS QUESTION, BRUNET SAID, THEY AGREED THAT IT WAS NOT URGENT TO FACE UP TO THE QUESTION NOW. HE ADDED THAT THE GOF WAS STILL CONVINCED OF THE DESIRABILITY OF CREATING SOME MECHANISM FOR BRINGING TOGETHER OECD COUNTRIES WHICH WERE MEMBERS OF THE IEA WITH FRANCE AND ONE OR TWO OTHER OECD COUNTRIES WHICH WERE NOT MEMBERS OF THE IEA. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE HAD DECIDED TO DROP THE MATTER FOR THE TIME BEING AND WOULD FOCUS FRENCH EFFORTS TO COORDINATE WITH THE IEA IN THE FORUM PROVIDED BY THE EC NINE IN BRUSSELS.

3. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF THE OPPOSITION BRUNET HAS ENCOUNTERED, BOTH FROM US AND FROM DAVIGNON, WE BELIEVE THE FRENCH WILL PROBABLY NOT PURSUE THIS MATTER FURTHER.
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